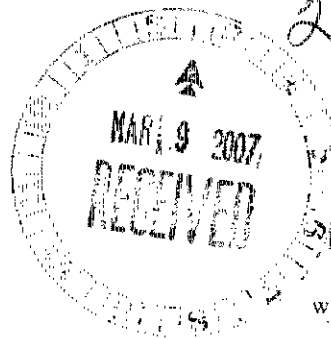


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Re: **Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 177X), Illinois Central Railroad Company**
Notice of Exemption in Lawrence County, Mississippi


Dear Secretary Williams:

By notice of exemption served in the above-captioned proceeding on April 11, 2006, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") was authorized to abandon its line of railroad known as the Lawrence County Line extending from Milepost 53.0 near Silver Creek, to Milepost 57.1, near Ferguson, a distance of approximately 4.1 miles, all in Lawrence County, Mississippi. IC's abandonment exemption became effective on May 11, 2006.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), IC hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the subject line of railroad on March 1, 2007.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Very truly yours,


Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Enclosures.

cc: Mr. William R. Balentine, Director, Office of Intermodal Planning, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, Mississippi 39115-1850